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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-056763 - An English language

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5. AKUTSU, S. et al., "Branding Capabilities in Creating Knowledge,"

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6. "Marketing Basics," Japan Marketing Association, Second Edition, pp. 93-

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